REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claim 2 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has, accordingly, cancelled Claim 2 and incorporated the indicated allowable subject matter of Claim 2 into independent Claim 1 from which it depended. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 1 and the dependent Claims 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, and 23 should be allowed.

Further, Applicant has incorporated the indicated allowable subject matter of Claim 2 into independent Claim 13. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 13 and the dependent Claims 14 and 16-19 should be allowed.

It is believed the application is now in consideration for allowance and an early notice of the same is requested.

If there are any questions with regards to the prosecution of this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

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